

ALABAMA REPORTER

TALLADEGA, ALA.

THURSDAY, June 15, 1865.

Dr. George McKenzie.

The hearts of our stricken community are again made sad by the tidings that George McKenzie was drowned on the 9th May, near Linden, Marengo Co.

He had gone fishing, taking the little son of Mr. White on the horse behind him. The circumstances indicate that the horse taking fright, fell with them on a steep bank of the creek, precipitating them into deep water where were drowned.

In April frequent hemorrhages compelled Dr. M. to relinquish his position in the army Hospital where his services had been untiring and invaluable, in the hope of regaining his health by a change of climate. He reached the Mississippi river but his strength failing, he was brought back to Linden where he enjoyed every kindness in the family of Mr. Porter to whom he dedicated himself as a son and a brother, and whose grief is only less than that of his own family.

Few young men—if any—among all our noble dead from this vicinity, have left a reputation better than his, for gentleness, modesty, kindness, spotless integrity and filial piety.

In the Hospitals his professional skill, his devotion to the welfare of the sick and dying soldiers, his gentlemanly bearing and his unsullied purity of character, made him a favorite with his professional brethren and secured for him the blessings of thousands who were ready to perish.

It was his intention to have publicly professed his faith in Christ, but the urgency of his case required him to leave before the day appointed. No doubt is felt in reference to his preparation for the summons, sudden and sad as it was.

Texas Intelligence.

Order seems to reign in all parts of Texas, and the Confederate troops, after plundering the commissary stores in Houston, retired quietly to their homes, without molesting private property.—The Houston Telegraph says :

The situation in Houston remains much the same. Vast numbers of troops are constantly passing through town, going quietly about their business, disturbing no one, and observing order and decorum at all times. A military police enforces order in town. Business is at a dead stand. No stores were open yesterday at all. Everybody seemed inclined to keep holiday.

We publish to-day General E. Kirby Smith's farewell address to the troops lately under his command. We have not been as favorably impressed with his address as with the course in the main of the retiring General since he commanded this Department. In this time, however, of general humiliation and sadness, it does not become any of us to find fault with each other. We have been surrendered without the terms we hoped and expected. Let us again accept the situation, humiliating as it may be, and do the best in our power to comply with laws that will henceforth govern us.

The following is the address alluded to:

HEADQUARTERS TRANSMISS' DEPT.,
Houston, May 80, 1865.

SOLDIERS. The day after I refused the demand of the Federal Government to surrender this department, I left Shreveport for Houston. I ordered the Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana troops to follow. My purpose was to concentrate the entire strength of the department, await negotiation, and, if possible, secure terms alike honorable to soldier and citizen. Falling in this, I intended to struggle to the last—and with an army united in purpose, firm in resolve, and battling for the right, I believed God

would yet give us the victory. I reached here to find the Texas troops disbanded and hastening to their homes. They had forsaken their colors and their command—had abandoned the cause for which we were struggling, and appropriated the public property to their personal use.

Soldiers! I am left a commander without an army—a General without troops.

You have made your choice—it was unwise and unpatriotic, but it is final. I pray you may not live to regret it.

The enemy will now possess your country, and dictate their own laws. You have voluntarily destroyed our organization, and thrown away all means of redress by rejecting the Sherman-Johnston treaty simply to direct the rejection.

Your present duty is plain. Return to Stanton's bulletins were issued upon his families. Assume the obligations of peace. Yield obedience to the laws, give rise to the present difficulty. The Labor to restore order. Strive both by communication in the Chronicle, in your counsel and example, to give security to life and property. And may God in his insulating order was published? It says

Mr. Stanton published his order and will not openly acknowledge that it was founded in error; he continues an insult.

Neither his person nor rank can shield him. The communication also

informs you that the communication also

the following account of the foray upon

the ordnance and quartermasters stores:

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the confused, disorderly division of

Government property among the soldiers,

that has been going on for several weeks

all over the country, from Hempstead

Shreveport, commanded here yesterday

morning by the breaking into the ordnance department and the distribution of

six shooters, muskets, ammunition, etc.

From thence the distribution pro-

ceeded to the clothing bureau, where

with surprising little excitement, and

noise, considering the amount of work

being done, the large stores of cloth

blankets, made up clothing, etc., were

parceled out by the crowd regardless of

claim, merit, or anything else. He was

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The estate of the Confederacy seemed to

be administered on without regard to law.

The only recognized claim was that of

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Private property was for the most part

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any of the participants of this affair.

All the inquiry as to how the thing

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sult. The town was patrolled by a mount-

ed squadron of DeBray's brigade all night.

The patrol was dismissed at 6 A. M.—

The melee began at about 8 A. M. The

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partment, and men coming out loaded

down with plunder.

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large, much larger than anybody dreamed

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of clothes had been issued for weeks pre-

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number left. This all went first, and the

miscellaneous plunder followed.

The excitement continued till about

twelve o'clock, when the goods all having been taken, the executors of the estate gradually separated and went to their several places of rendezvous to count the proceeds. After that they separated as quietly as they came together, and during the balance of the day were starting off towards their homes.

Latest From the North.

Washington, May 25.—A communication appears in the Chronicle this morning which is understood to be from the pen of Senator Sherman. The points are that the President had no more to do than to issue a simple order and the treaty simply to direct the rejection.

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E. KIRBY SMITH, General.

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HEAD QUARTERS UNITED STATES FORCES

Talladega, Ala. May 14th 1865.

General Orders, No. 1.

I. The General Commanding announces to the citizens of Talladega, and surrounding country, that the occupation of this point by the United States Forces, is for the preservation of good order, and the protection of citizens, in Alabama, Mississippi and East Louisiana, their property and occupations, and to open communication with the country, to his command, with all munitions of war, enable the people to obtain supplies for their families.

Civil Officers will retain their authority. All officers and men are to be paroled, and will enforce the civil laws, except officers giving their individual paroles, such as shall give aid or support to the enemy, and commanders of regiments, detachments, or companies of the United States. No private men and batteries signing the paroles will be molested. Whenever it for their men, All will be permitted to shall become necessary to forage upon return to, and remain at their homes, the country, for the support of the army, without being interfered with, as long as they camp with the conditions of their parole, and the laws of the country. Vouchers will be given payable at the they camp with the conditions of their parole, and the laws of the country. Ex-Confederate military post, any depredations parole, and the laws of the country. Ex-Confederate soldiers excepted from this privilege, all officers and men, who are residents of loyal states, shall be promptly and severely punished, if, reported to these Head Quarters.

The surrender of property does not in-

clude the side arms or private horses or

Confederate States, will at once be turned over baggage of officers, nor horses belonging

to the proper Staff Officers, in accordance with the stipulations of the surrender of property; such horses they will be

this department. Any persons found with

Confederate States property in their pos- homes, to be used for private purposes

will be arrested and tried as felons, un-

less they have permits from United States

officers, and will be furnished at public cost for the paroled

authorities to retain such property.

III. All officers and soldiers of the

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